

The Hotel Clerk on the Clergy

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There had been some sort of a meeting for women in the Red Room or the Blue Room or the Red-White-and-Blue Room of the Hotel St. Regis, and when it was over those present went flocking through the lobby, chattering freely. For the most part, they were clothed in advance copies of the new modes—gowns which a layman might have said it would take a contortionist to get into and a surgical operation to get out of. At the tail of the procession came the Main Attraction. This was a middle-aged person of a clerical aspect, but not too clerical. The severity of his ministerial garb was tempered by a vaseslike smile and a saucy twirl of the lardboard side-whisker. This gentleman was being conveyed by eight or ten of the most spectacular of the lady attendants. He wore a smile like a gash in an August watermelon.

"Wot's been doin'?" inquired the House Detective as he watched the departing throng.

"The Rev. Hyphen J. Sidewinders, D. D., has been making an informal talk to a Mothers' Congress on the subject 'How to Remove Moles from the Human Face Without Excavating,' or some such congenial topic," explained the Hotel Clerk. "That's him going along yonder with the escort of early spring fashions. I guess maybe he ain't the original Ecclesiastical Kid."

"Larry, if I had my life to live over again, I'd be one of those Sporting Extra elegants. When I was a kid, I had different ideas. In those ancient days the preacher was a party in a white cravat who always looked like it gave him deep pain when he smiled. But we've broadened out since then. The hurried civilization of a great city, which produced the self-rising opera hat and the taximeter cab is responsible for the preacher who plays for the headlines among which yon departing party is a conspicuous example."

"Back home in the tarry a preacher didn't have much to do. All he had to be was a combination of trained nurse, bill collector and reception committee on week days, and on Sundays an illustrated time card to a warmer climate. He had to sit up with the sick and down with the deacons, both of which being hard jobs to fill without miscueing. He was reasonably certain of getting half his salary in real money, and the rest in produce and dry fodder and mouldered prunes and red woolen wristlets and other commodities peculiar to paragonage pound parties."

You never just by the way he wore his whiskers whether he was a conductor on the Eleventh Hour Accommodation of the Methodist Road or of the Congregational Limited or the Presbyterian Royal Blue or the Baptist Tank Line, with through service via the Water Gap.

"I guess there may still be a few of the orthodox brand—for family-use—preacher in the back wards of the Red Timothy country, but there's not many of him under the Main Top. That kid wouldn't look like the Grand Jury going to dinner."

"In the feverish metropolis, Larry, the ecclesiastical pipin' with the largest displacement is the one who knows the newest parlor tricks. His tonnage is based on his repertoire. A preacher who just preached was all very well about time ago, but considered, but here in the town of Merry Widowville-on-the-Sound we have learned that to create a sensation that will rattle the window panes for a distance of more than one city block, the dominion has got to have a few specialties concealed under the skirts of his black diagonals. He must be able to take a white rabbit and a few yards of national bunting out of his high hat every now and then, or the audience will become irked and begin to clamor for its money back."

"Nowadays the most popular preacher is the one who can succeed in doing everything with distinction, except preaching. When it comes to being timely, he's got the vaudeville monologists looking like parties suffering from an impediment of the speech. In that regard, he's the prize-winning Northern Spy and the original Early Henderson. Who is it that presides over a meeting to protest against smoking in public by women? Our beloved pastor. And who is it that presides over a meeting for the encouragement of smoking in public among women? Our neighbor's beloved pastor, with a cigar in his face that looks like an ebony clarinet, and both hip pockets full of fine cigars. Who reports the friendly bout at the annual smoker of the Young Men's Bible Class when the Horrible Hindoo hands a sleeping potion to the Sweaty Swede in the fourth round? The Reverend Hiram W. Glines. Who reports one murder trial for us, while carrying in one hand a light running fountain pen and in the other a large nail full

of sunburst adjectives and diamond tiara superlatives? The Reverend Peterson J. Madders and no other. Who opens the horse show with a prayer and the jack pot with two pairs? The Sporting Pastor of the Church of the Leavened Yeast. Some of them, Larry, can do anything you can think of except preach, and they could do that, too, if they had time to practice up a bit. Their idea of a glorious immortality is a spot light that won't flicker, and I don't know but what they're right. Still, at that, I gather from what I can hear that the old-fashioned kind are the ones that make the converts."

"Anyway, Larry, these are the days when nobody practices the trade he was raised to. And every day somebody spashes a tradition that we used to think the world and all off. For example, now, take those two splendid young representatives of the ancient French regime—the Prince de Sagan and the Count Boni de Castellane. They're cousins, those two, and scions of one of the oldest and proudest and hungriest of Paris families—what you might call true Parisites. Well, it seems they had a falling out not long ago. One of them wanted to be the husband of the American Lady that the other one used to be the husband of, in happier days."

"They met on the Boulevard in front of the absinthe factory, next door to the fashion bazar, and right around the corner from the place where they turn out the millinery—in other words, they met in the very center of the French capital. In a heroic manner both of them would have been wearing long swords and doublets and ruffles around their necks, the same as they put on a mutton chop, and they'd have squared off and said 'Gadooks' and 'Odish', which is a kind of fish that isn't common any more, or at least I never see it on the bill of fare, and then they'd out with their swords, and it would have been up and down, parry and thrust, back and forth, a few times like James K. Hackett and Kyrie Bellew at a Wednesday matinee, and then one of them would have taken a foot of cold steel through his delicatessen and died in a heroic manner to bone felon music. Ten years ago, even, there would have been a duel, and while nobody would have suffered seriously except the liverly man who was reckless enough to let the parties have the necessary carriages on credit, still honor would have been satisfied in an honorable way."

"But what happened when these haughty young noblemen met? I hate to tell you, Larry, what did happen. There was no sword thrust straight through the center lacing of the stays, no firing of deadly duelling pistols, no seconds, no challenges. Nothing of the kind. The Prince de Sagan passed a sample of the same brand of physical repartee that the Hon. John Sharp Williams recently used on the Hon. David B. Arnold. He reached forth, and with his princely finger-nails he scratched nearly all the Bloom of Youth face paint from his cousin's right cheek. Whereupon the Count retaliated by taking a careful aim at the lower part of the Prince's countenance and proceeded to violate the ordinance regarding spitting in public places. And then—oh, Larry, think of the shame of it!—he had one another apoplectic fit, and fell dead in red pants, and a plebeian magistrate fined them both in an accursed police court."

"Well," said the House Detective, "seems like to me that wasn't such a turrible thing—gittin' fined in a police court."

"It was a terrible thing for the Count and the Prince," said the Hotel Clerk. "They had to pawn their corsets and manure sets to make up the amount."

LITERARY HARDSHIPS.

"Literature is very trying, isn't it?" said one woman.

"Yes," answered the other. "If your book doesn't sell, you are disappointed, and if it does it has to be so shocking that you are embarrassed."

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Along with the news of fresh arrivals come events that mean considerable money-saving to our customers. Every line here is vital.

MONDAY

10c Apron Gingham at 6 3/4c a yd.

1,000 remnants of Apron Gingham, equal to Amoskeag, in lengths from 15 to 20 yards, all colors, all size checks. Regular 10c. MONDAY only at, a yard.....6 3/4c

MONDAY

16 3/4c Percal at 9 1/2c a yard

5,000 yards of Yard-Wide Percal, in remnants of 1 to 10 yards, in a variety of patterns, all dark colors, such as navy blue, electric blue, red, black and white and shepherd plaids. Regular price 16 3/4c. MONDAY only.....9 1/2c

MONDAY

16 3/4c, 20c, 22 1/2c and 25c Berkley Cambric at 11 1/2 cts. a yard

3,500 yards of the Finest White Berkley Cambrics, the best brands on the market, medium weight, finished in lengths up to 5 yards, full yard wide. Regular 16 3/4c, 20c, 22 1/2c and 25c, and most of them the finest grade. MONDAY only at, a yard.....11 1/2c

MONDAY

35c White Dotted Swisses, 16 3/4c yd.

35 pieces dainty snowy White Dotted Dress Swisses, beautifully woven dots, sheer and crisp, hand finished, a quality that retails no matter where you go, at 35c. MONDAY only at.....16 3/4c

MONDAY

\$2.25 White English Long Cloth, \$1.58 a bolt

100 bolts White English Long Cloth, good quality, very desirable for women's undershirts, 12 yards in each piece, positively worth \$2.25. MONDAY only, 12 yard.....\$1.58

MONDAY

\$4.00 White Bed Spreads, \$2.39

3 cases White Imported Marcelline Bed Spreads, full double bed size, new designs, fringed, cut-out corners and hemmed. A spread that sells for \$4.00 generally. MONDAY only at, each.....\$2.39

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The First Surprise of the Season—Spring's Newest \$40.00 Tailored Suits at.....\$27.50

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MONDAY ONLY. 75c Short Kimonos at 39 cts.

300 Short Kimonos, in dozens of designs and colors. Nicely made and full width; regular 75c Kimonos. On sale Monday at.....39c

SILKS AND DRESS GOODS

With a representation of the latest weaves already far in advance of any showing we have made this early in the season, new arrivals are being received, in effective color combinations in almost endless variety—and each design seemingly more charming and distinctive than the other. Choose from these attractive specials for this week's attractive selling.

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The new Silks to be used this season for waists and full suits come in Black, Cream and all the latest shades for spring wear. SPECIAL.....95c

A YARD.....NEW FOULARD SILKS.

25-inch Pure All-silk Satin Foulards, very stylish for Waists, Suits, etc. Come in Dots, Stripes and Novelties, in colors Cream, Green, Brown, Blue, Tan, Alice Blue, etc. SPECIAL.....85c and 95c

A YARD.....NEW SPRING SUITINGS.

35-inch stylish Checked and Striped Novelties, in all colors, suitable for Separate Waists, Skirts and Full Suits. SPECIAL.....60c

A YARD.....NEW PANAMA CLOTH.

44 and 45-inch in Plain and Fancy Weaves, in Black and all colors. SPECIAL.....90c

A YARD.....

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They have centered the White Goods and Wash Goods business of Salt Lake here. The exhibit this week, gathered lavishly but still with scrupulous care, in the White Goods and Wash Goods centers of Europe and America, is in answer to your expectations.

CHARMING NEW WHITE GOODS AND WASH FARICS

are here in the authoritative styles, after our survey of the entire foreign and domestic field, never, great as these stocks always are here, have we gathered so many White and Colored Wash fabrics—every staple sort, every new weave, every new color and combination is here in seemingly endless array—and, what is quite as important, prices will be found considerably less than elsewhere. Practical economies that must interest you. The story is only partially told in the price-list that follows.

50 pieces White Indian Linon, regular 15c; this week.....11c

White English Nainsook, regular 17 1/2c; this week.....12c

White English Longcloths, regular 22 1/2c; this week.....16c

41-inch White Persian Lawn, regular 30c; this week.....21c

45-inch White French Lawn, regular 60c; this week.....39c

AN AGGREGATION OF UNDER-PRICE VALUES IN Gents' Furnishings

That must amaze the entire community in the boldness of the price-cutting.

25c Men's All Linen Handkerchiefs, only 17 1/2c.

These are pure white, full size men's handkerchiefs, made with 1/4 or 1/2-inch hemstitched borders; the quality convinces every purchaser; special price for next week only.....17 1/2c

50c Four-in-Hand Ties, 35c, or 3 for \$1.00.

This includes the entire stock of 50c four-in-hand ties; a big variety of patterns—every one a neat one.

50c Men's Heavy All-Wool Socks, 25c.

These are made with extra high tops, heavy ribbed, and are in plain oxford gray, camel's hair, blueish gray and gray and black mixture, with white heel and toe.

All Men's Heavy Flannel Work Shirts at 1/2 Off.

FOR EXAMPLE—\$1.50 men's heavy blue flannel work shirts, single or double-breasted styles, made generously large in body and in length of sleeves; they are well sewed with double-stitched felled seams; special sale price for this week only.....\$1.00

All Men's Wool Underwear at 1/2 Off.

FOR EXAMPLE—\$1.25 men's wool underwear in natural wool and camel's hair colors, made with heavy ribbed wrists and ankles, and sewed with silk; a complete line of sizes; special sale price, \$1.25 shirts or drawers, next week only.....85c

Sale of Children's Sample Dresses.

New 1908 styles of children's wash dresses, manufacturer's samples that come to us at great price reductions, and the balance of our

stock of winter dresses go on sale this week at—

ONE-HALF REGULAR PRICES

Here's a chance to lay in a supply of children's school dresses at great savings.

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Samples are but one of a kind. Early comers will get best choice.

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in February.

We were offered such splendid underprice inducements, to close out large lots from manufacturers that we could not resist the temptation. They are to be sold, as bought—and we have marked them phenomenally low. A wonderful opportunity to buy advance styles at end of season's prices.

LADIES' BLACK KID OXFORDS, with patent tip and Cuban heels, sizes 2 1/2 to 8, value \$2.50; at, per pair.....\$1.70

LADIES' FINEST PATENT KID OR NEW TAN OXFORDS, with light or welt soles, all the newest styles for this season, comes with strap or ribbon ties, all sizes, value up to \$5.00; at, per pair.....\$3.45

ANY LADIES' HIGH SHOE IN THE ENTIRE SPRING SHIPMENT for dress or street wear, including our best patent kids, value up to \$5.00; at, per pair.....\$3.45

ANY BOYS' OR YOUTH'S TEN-INCH HIGH CUT LACE BOOT, in tan or black, with good box calf uppers and oak leather soles, sizes 13 1/2 to 5 1/2, value up to \$3.50; at, per pair.....\$2.39

LITTLE GENTS' CALFSKIN SHOES, with extension soles, sizes 9 to 13 1/2; at, per pair.....\$1.00

CHILDREN'S BLACK KID OXFORDS, with patent tip, sizes 5 to 8; at, per pair.....80c

YOUTH'S RUBBERS, good grade, sizes 10 to 13 1/2; at, per pair.....44c

Along with the news of fresh arrivals come events that mean considerable money-saving to our customers. Every line here is vital.

MONDAY

16 3/4c Fine Zephyr Gingham at 9 3/4 cts. a yard

Thousands of remnants of Finest American Zephyr Gingham, in lengths from 10 to 20 yards, all colors, all size checks, stripes and plaids and plain colors, pinks, blues, tans, grays, black and white and Scotch effects. A quality that retails, no matter where you go, at 16 3/4c. MONDAY only at, a yard.....9 3/4c

MONDAY

18c and 20c Pillow Casings at 14c yd.

40 bolts Bleached Pillow Casing, 42 and 45 inches wide. A standard cotton, but we are not allowed to give the name. A quality that retails, no matter where you go, at 18c and 20c. MONDAY only at, a yard.....14c

Monday

12 1/2c Russia Crash Towelings, 7 1/2c a yd.

2,000 yards Russia Crash Toweling, exceptionally absorbent, ready for instant use, free from starch, 18 inches wide. A toweling that'll sell for 12 1/2c. MONDAY only at, a yard.....7 1/2c

Monday

40c Bleached Table Damask at 22c a yard.

20 bolts Full Bleached Table Damask, 58 inches wide, in dot, fern, tulip, fleur de lis, blue bells and pansy patterns. A quality that retails, no matter where you go, at 40c. MONDAY only at, a yard.....22c

Monday

\$1.50 Children's Buster Brown Sweaters at 75c

Choose from plain navy blue, navy blue trimmed with cardinal, cardinal trimmed with navy blue and plain white with V neck. Sizes 26 to 32.

Monday

Any Ladies' Shoe or Oxford

In the entire spring stock, including tans or patent kid; all sizes; values up to \$5.00, at, per pair.....\$3.45